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Dear [redacted]

I am gathering material for a Law Review note on legislative reform of the Central Intelligence Agency. I intend to assemble, compare and analyze the various proposals made to Congress in the last several years to define or limit the scope of C.I.A. activities. I shall begin with the proposals of the Rockefeller Commission, primarily because of the supporting materials accompanying the recommendations but also because of the availability of Professor Gellhorn, a senior counsel of the Commission, here at Virginia. I am interested, however, in looking at proposals made by Senator Proxmire and others in order to get a broader perspective on the problem of the C.I.A.'s authority.

Professor Gellhorn suggested that I get in touch with you with regard to legislative proposals to alter or define the C.I.A.'s authority over the last few years. I would like to acquire as much information as possible about bills currently before Congress and measures that were introduced during the last two sessions. I would also be interested in your comments regarding these measures and suggestions of further avenues to explore.

By way of explanation I should add a word about my background. I have worked for the C.I.A. during the past two summers as an intern in the Soviet Internal Branch of the Office of Current Intelligence. As a result of my work in that particularly sensitive area I came away convinced of the need for an effective American intelligence agency. Some kind of change in the C.I.A.'s charter seems imperative, or at least inevitable, and I would like to contribute an element of order to what has been a rather emotional debate.

I am still exploring the resources available to this project and need all the help I can get. Needless to say, any contribution you can make would be gratefully appreciated.

Respectfully,

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